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TOPIC Soviet and Rumanian Troops in the Banat

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Soviet troops.

1. Soviet troops, including rocket launcher units, conducted field exercises in the Periam (R 16/T 74) area between 18 and 25 July 1950. A pontoon bridge was constructed across the Mures River. *
2. Between 50 and 100 aircraft, allegedly bombers, of unidentified nationality flew over Timisoara (R 16/T 91) on 16 July 1950, coming from the southeast and heading west. **
3. Four or five JS tanks with 120-mm guns and 10 trucks carrying pontoons moved along Calea Torontalului, Timisoara, on 15 July 1950 and proceeded towards the west. *
4. Eight Soviet heavy AA guns were emplaced near the Timisoara main railroad station between 18 and 25 July 1950. Soviet troops wearing gas masks were seen in the town area. They probably held field training.
5. Artillery and mortar ammunition was unloaded from 11 boxcars at the Timisoara-Fabrica railroad station on the night of 27 July 1950. They were hauled to a Soviet Army ammunition depot on Calea Aradului. *

Rumanian troops.

6. The Rumanian 4th Border Guard Regt, controlling the border section west of Timisoara, was reinforced by border guard units from Oradea Mare (R 48/P 65).
7. Rumanian infantry and tank units were stationed in the Bebe Veche (Y 7/T 36) - Valcani (Y 7/T 34) area at the end of July 1950. In the same area engineer officers, headed by Lieutenant Colonel Cara, (fnu), supervised civilians in the construction of trenches and AT ditches.
8. Rumanian troops from the area of Cluj (R 26/L 81) and Targu Mures (R 36/R 68) had moved to the Oradea Mare area.

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9. The militia units in Timisoara were engaged in combat training firing practice.

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. The Soviet troops practicing in the Periam area and observed in Timisoara were elements of the Soviet division which is believed to be stationed in the Banat and was confirmed by the present report in that area prior to the end of July 1950. [REDACTED]

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- ** [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] a similar number of aircraft to have flown over Timisoara on the night of 20 June 1950.

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